

LAWYER J. W. PATTERSON.

A Learned Disciple of Blackstone
Commingles Legal Lore With
Humanitarianism—A Record
of Which All May be Proud.

The late John M. Langston, whose whole personality breathed the spirit of liberty, fraternity and justice, once said, "If a youth feels the true fire of manhood and possesses a heart that throbs with correct human impulses, he does his generation an injustice if he does not become a lawyer." A young man who heard Langston and whose code of principles was to him a text book is John W. Patterson of this city. He is indeed a man of the hour and merits the sincere admiration of The Colored American and its host of readers. Mr. Patterson is conceded to be one of the foremost lawyers of the District bar. This is easily shown by the respect and courtesy shown him by all the judges and leading lawyers; by the number of important cases he has handled in a short while with marked success; by the clients in daily attendance at his office.

It is he who vindicated Rev. R. B. Robinson who was taken to Boston, Mass. upon a requisition from this city; who saved the life of Williams, who was being tried for murder, with such able talent as Judge Anderson and assistant Mr. Taylor as prosecutors; who cleared James Orr, charged with grand larceny and brought here from Boston, Mass.; who contested as attorney against Attorney Niles in the largest colored divorce suit ever filed in the District courts and held things his own way from start to finish. Many other cases of equal importance might be mentioned.

Besides his criminal practice, his civil has perhaps outstripped that of any colored attorney in this city. It is believed that he has paid out over \$25,000 to his clients as fruits of his civil practice during the last twelve months.

The Colored American admires him chiefly for his universal politeness. He is affable and respectful to all alike, regardless of color or condition. Although we know not from what school he came or where stands the "alma mater," we do know that we know him to be a thorough gentleman and a scholar, broad in experience, profound in letters, yet unpretentious, modest, depending upon sterling qualities for recognition, rather than upon showy diplomas. Personal knowledge of him is personal admiration of him.

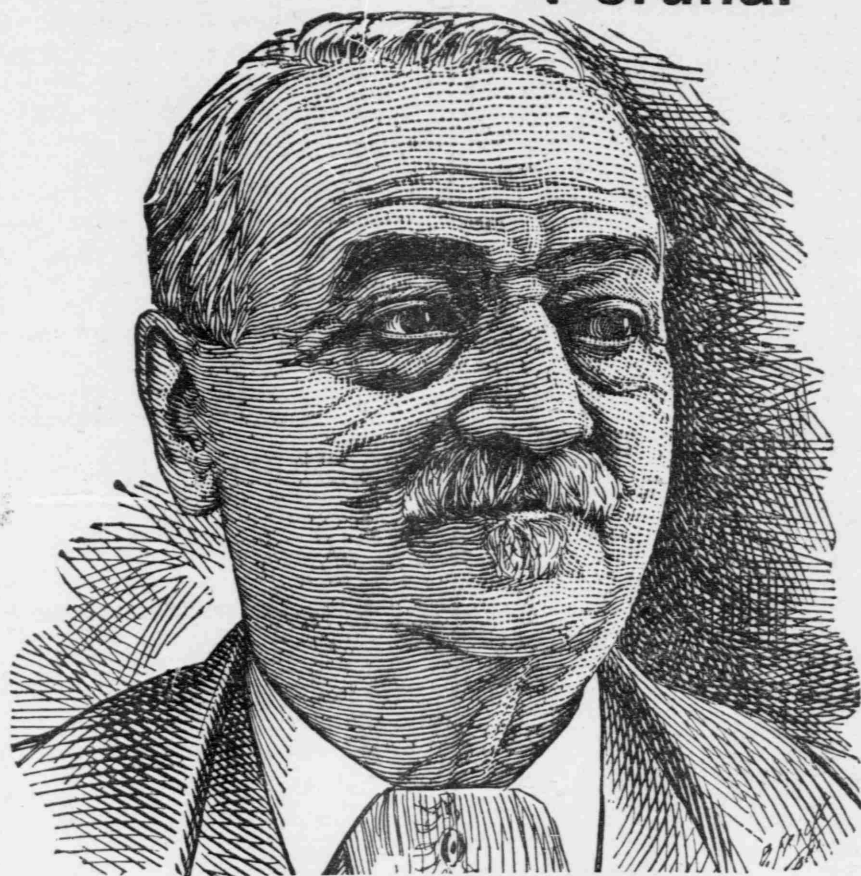
Mr. Patterson is a born orator and a born leader of men. No one who has had personal contact with him, whether preacher or layman, lawyer or client, can leave him without feeling gravely impressed with his manhood, his high sense of honor, his disposition to be sociable, generous and fair. The Colored American is never biased by reports of a man's enemies and is proud to be in a position to understand Mr. Patterson from a correct standpoint, a clear knowledge. All men of strong individuality make bitter enemies, but this is more than compensated by the warm friendships they invariably generate.

Mr. Patterson is a humanitarian and homes have been made happy through his beneficence. An instance was the aged and decrepit Thomas Sorrell. When this man was committed to the insane asylum, Mr. Patterson being touched, fought for the old man's release and succeeded after six weeks.

refused to accept a
rouble. And again

A FAMOUS MUSICIAN

Cured of Catarrh and La Grippe by Peruna.



HENRY DISTIN, OF PHILADELPHIA.

Henry Distin, the inventor and maker of all the band instruments for the Henry Distin Manufacturing Co., at Williamsport, Pa., is probably the most active old man in Philadelphia today. He and his wife recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, at their home, on South Ninth street. Mr. Distin comes from one of the most famous musical families of the old world, his father and grandfather before him, as well as himself, having played at most all the royal courts of England and the continent.

1441 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., May 6, 1899.

r. S. B. Hartman:

Dear Sir—I write to inform you that I had a bad attack of la grippe last December which lasted more than three months, and which left me with catarrh, and several of my friends advised me to try your wonderful medicine, Peruna. I began with a bottle the first week in March and it certainly did me a great deal of good. I was so well satisfied that I purchased another bottle and followed your directions, which you furnish with every bottle, and I am glad to say that it has cured me. I shall certainly recommend the Peruna to all my friends. Yours, very truly,

Henry Distin.

when a certain white police officer had seduced an innocent colored girl, who by the same officer was arrested and dragged in the police court and there fined upon the petty charge that she had been disorderly because she asked him for money to get milk for the baby. It was Mr. Patterson, this champion of right action, who came to the rescue of the girl's mother, filed charges against the officer and after a legal battle lasting three weeks with two attorneys—one white and the other colored, representing the officer, without compensation for his services, he defeated them and had the officer dismissed.

Such a man deserves the patronage of his people and we are glad to say such is he getting. Let us have a few more Pattersons and the race will lift up her trailing dust-worn banner and grow in the favor of the American people.

Recorder Dancy In Office.

Hon. John O. Dancy, of North Carolina, is now Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. He assumed charge last Saturday. The ceremonies were brief and took place in the presence of a few friends. The retiring Recorder, Hon. H. P. Cheatham, in a witty speech, turned over the official desk to his successor and wished him abundant success. Mr. Dancy responded

fittingly. The office force was then introduced to their new chief, and the grinding out of deeds, releases and mortgages went on with the accustomed hum.

Mr. Dancy is genial, but firm and will be Recorder in fact as well as name. Changes may be made, but they will be gradual and be carefully considered. He knows how to say "No," and means "Yes" when he can be prevailed upon to use that pleasing monosyllable. He will be a success and is sure to add to his present host of Washington friends. He likes his new duties and comes well equipped by a long experience in similar work as Register of Deeds for Edgecombe Co., North Carolina.

Will Do Missionary-work.

Rev. I. S. Person, of Augusta, Ga. General Missionary Secretary of the C. M. E. Church, is in Washington on his way South from an extended trip North. He will assist Rev. W. E. Farmer of the Miles Memorial Church, and Rev. W. C. Cleaves of the Israel C. M. E. Church, in their religious work. Rev. Person is a fluent speaker, one of the best in the C. M. E. Connection, an ardent Christian and a zealous worker. While here, he will solicit aid for his missionary work. He is a guest of Mrs. Throckmorton, 2013 Vermont Avenue.

As soon as any one is attacked with la grippe Peruna should be taken every two hours during the day—adults a tablespoonful, children a teaspoonful. But it is the after-effects of la grippe which are generally the most serious unless Peruna is taken. In all cases where Peruna is taken as above during the acute stage the recovery is prompt and complete; but where the ordinary treatment is followed the patient will complain for weeks and months of weakness, slight headache, want of appetite, and many other symptoms of low vitality. Such people should begin at once the use of Peruna—a tablespoonful before each meal, gradually increasing the dose to two tablespoonfuls.

Mrs. Theophile Schmitt, wife of the Ex-Secretary of the German consulate, writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman in regard to Peruna:

3417 WABASH, AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.,
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.
Gentlemen—"I suffered this winter with a severe attack of la grippe, and

having repeatedly heard of the value of Peruna in such cases, I thought I would try it. I used it faithfully, and began to feel a change for the better the second day, and in the course of a week I was very much improved.



Mrs. Schmitt.

After using three bottles I not only found the la grippe had disappeared, but my general health was much better. I am satisfied that Peruna is a wonderful family remedy, and gladly endorse it." Yours, Mrs. Theophile Schmitt.

La grippe is epidemic catarrh. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. Send for a free copy of "Winter Catarrh." This book contains a lecture by Dr. Hartman on la grippe, which has attracted wide attention. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

Howard's Medical Department.

Medical Department of Howard University is in a flourishing condition. There are over two hundred matriculants this year. There will be large classes graduated in Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. The friends of the College will doubtless be pleased to hear that the following graduates of the Class '01 have successfully passed the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners and are doing well in their chosen profession: M. B. Jones, M. D., J. M. Vaughan, M. D., H. D. Wood, M. D.

Simply a Figure-Head.

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Editor Barnett was there, and indorsed the lecture, and then went off in his paper and said mean things about the speaker who is an educator of some note, and who is doing something for his people. I have never met himself myself, but I am told that he does not contribute to any colored church, does not help any colored enterprise unless there is a dollar in it for him, and still he boasts as a race leader. I thank you for hitting the paper in your editorials and hope you will do so again. We have some papers in this country that are papers and then others that are not fit to be called papers and the Conservator belongs to the latter class.

MARY J. JOHNSON,
Memphis, Tenn.